Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 at 15:17 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for cloud and precipitation detail on Wednesday and snow amounts Thursday then higher for a clearer but colder west or northwesterly airstream bringing occasional snow showers.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021: Mostly dry and bright, perhaps some light snow reaching the Trossachs.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Weather: Some rain and hill snow over Arran and perhaps the Trossachs in the early hours. The day mainly dry and bright with the best of any sunshine across Lochaber and northwest Argyll. Light snow may return to the Trossachs later. Confidence is low in the detail.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% - best chance over Lochaber and northwest Argyll, falling over the Trossachs later.

Visibility: Generally good, but a chance of poor visibility in south in early hours in rain and snow and in the Trossachs should snow return later, with cloud bases 450-750m. Cloud bases elsewhere well broken.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/11 E	7/9 NE	10/13 NE	11/14 NE	11/14 NE	13/16 NE	13/16 NE	12/15 N	14/17 NW
900	9/12 E	7/9 E	8/10 NE	8/11 NE	8/11 NE	9/13 NE	9/13 NE	8/11 N	9/12 NW
600	8/10 NE	8/10 NE	9/11 NE	9/12 NE	9/11 NE	9/12 NE	9/12 NE	7/10 N	7/10 NW
300	3/5 NE	3/5 N	5/7 N	6/9 N	5/9 N	6/9 N	5/7 N	4/6 N	4/6 N
Glen	2/5 N	2/5 N	3/7 NE	4/8 NE	3/8 NE	3/7 N	3/7 NE	3/5 NE	2/5 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-9	-5/-10	-5/-11	-6/-12	-5/-11	-6/-12	-6/-12	-6/-12	-6/-13
900	-4/-10	-6/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10	-4/-9	-4/-9	-5/-10	-5/-9	-5/-9
600	-0/-5	-1/-5	-2/-6	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6
300	0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-3	-1/-4	-0/-3	0/-3	-0/-3	-1/-3	-1/-3
Glen	1/-1	-0/-2	-0/-2	-0/-2	1/-0	1/-1	-0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-2
Freezing Level*	200m	100m	100m	00m	100m	200m	100m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some windchill despite relatively light winds.

Forecast for Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Weather: More persistent snow will develop overnight with strengthening northerly winds bringing some blizzard conditions mainly to Lochaber, and some settling snow even to low levels inland causing travel difficulties. This turning showery in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: North or northwesterly 25mph increasing 45 gusts 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%, improving 40% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very poor overnight and morning in snow and blizzard conditions. Improving good at times later as it turns showery. Lower cloud bases in the north widely 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: All levels

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